

Firsts in Wasatch County

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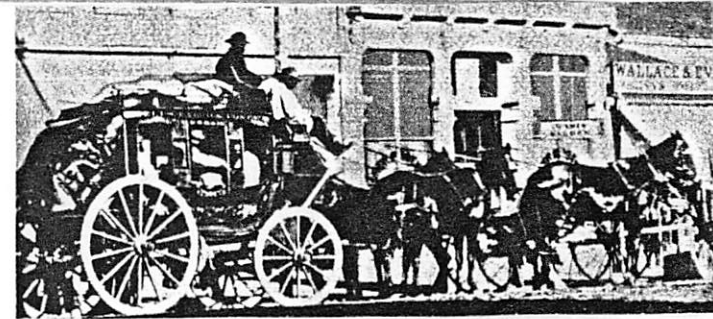
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In 1884 Mr. Watson was elected Probate Judge of this county, which position he held for ten years. He has held many offices of trust and honor in this county, was messenger in the constitutional convention, and in 1906 was elected county clerk and recorder which position he held at the time of his death, August 16, 1905.



References: "History of Wasatch Co." by William Lindsay, p. 26



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